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SUBJ: VISIT OF GORONWY-ROBERTS TO GDR

REF: STATE 75293 (EXDIS)

1. MORETOWN CALLED VINE APRIL 4 FOLLOWING UP CONVERSATION
REFTEL.

2. MORETON SAID GOROCWY-ROBERTS HAD AGAIN LOOKED AT HIS
PLANNED VISIT TO GDR IN THE LIGHT OF VINE'S COMMENTS. IN
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VIEW OF THE IMMINENCE OF THE TRIP AND THE FACT THAT IT IS
LINKED ALSO WITH A VISIT TO WARSAW, GORONWY-ROBERTS
CONSIDERED THAT TO CANCEL NOW WOULD BE A QTE GESTURE OF
DISPROPORTIONATE SEVERITY. UNQTE THE VISIT HAD BEEN
PLANNED SOME MONTHS AGO AS A FAMILIARIZATION VISIT BUT ALSO
AS A STEP IN A QTE MEASURED PROCESS UNQTE TO BRING RELA-
TIONS WITH THE GDR UP TO THE LEVEL OF HMG RELATIONS

WITH OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

3. MORETON CONSIDERED THAT THE GORONWY-ROBERTS VISIT WAS NOT IN THE SAME CATEGORY OF THAT PROJECTED BY DE GUIRINGAUD OR THE LESS FIRM INTENTION OF HARTMAN TO VISIT THE GDR. IN ANY CASE HMG DID NOT FEEL THAT ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED IN BERLIN TO INVALIDATE THE LONG TERM PROCESS OF IMPROVEMENT

OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UK AND THE GDR. THERE HAD BEEN NO DIRECT GDR CHALLENGE TO EITHER RIGHTS UNDER THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OR ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN. THERE WAS THUS NO QUESTION OF THE UK BREAKING THE SPIRIT OF ALLIED UNITY IN BERLIN.

4. VINE OBSERVED THAT WHILE GORONWY-ROBERT'S TRIP MAY HAVE BEEN PROJECTED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WE HAD FIRST BEEN MADE AWARE OF IT IN THE BONN GROUP DISCUSSION LAST THURSDAY AND WERE ASTONISHED THAT NOTIFICATION CAME SO LATE IN VIEW OF PRIOR DISCUSSION OF THE HARTMAN AND DE GUIRINGAUD VISITS. WE CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT THE VISIT WOULD CONFIRM IN GDR MINDS THAT THE ALLIES WERE UNCONCERNED BY GDR ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN.

5. MORETON SAID HE REGRETTED THAT THE IMPRESSION HAD BEEN LEFT IN THE BONN GROUP THAT THE UK BELIEVED THAT ONLY THE FRG AND THE US HAD EFFECTIVE MEANS OF LEVERAGE IN THE BERLIN SITUATION AND THAT THE OTHERS COULD CARRY ON THEIR POLICIES WITH IMPUNITY. THE POSITION WAS MUCH MORE AS HE HAD DESCRIBED IT ABOVE.

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6. VINE SAID HE NOTED THE UK POSITION BUT CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT THE VISIT WOULD CREATE A DIFFERENT IMPRESSION IN THE GDR MINDS THAN THAT WHICH WE SHOULD BE PROJECTING, AND THAT THERE CLEARLY WAS A DIFFERENCE OF ASSESSMENT BETWEEN US.

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